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**IN THE CLAIMS**

**The pending claims 84-86 are not amended in this Response.**

1-83 (Canceled)

84. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a flexible recloseable container, comprising:

providing a pair of interlockable fastener strips, a web of flexible film, and a plurality of sliders;

placing the plurality of sliders on the pair of interlockable fastener strips;

fusing together a portion of the fastener strips at a plurality of locations; and

attaching the interlockable fastener strips to the web of flexible film after said placing the plurality of sliders and after said fusing at a plurality of locations.

85. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for subsequent attachment to a flexible, recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

a pair of interlockable fastener strips having a length; and

a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;

wherein said fastener strips are fused together at a first plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being spaced apart from adjacent said fused positions by about the width of a bag, said fastener strips being notched at a second plurality of positions along the

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length, each said notched position being spaced apart from adjacent said notched positions by about the width of a bag.

86. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for subsequent attachment to flexible film for making a recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

a pair of interlockable fastener strips having a length; and

a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;

wherein said fastener strips are fused together at a plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being separated from adjacent said fused positions by about the width of a bag.